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OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

*Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday, January 6, 1948, and adjourned  
sine die on Friday, December 31, 1948*

HARRY S. TRUMAN, President; ARTHUR H. VANDENBERG, President of the Senate *pro  
tempore*; JOSEPH W. MARTIN, Jr., Speaker of the House of Representatives.

[CHAPTER 1]

AN ACT

To extend veterans' preference benefits to widowed mothers of certain  
ex-servicemen and ex-servicewomen.

January 19, 1948

[H. R. 1426]

[Public Law 396]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the  
United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 2 of the  
Veterans' Preference Act of 1944 is amended by striking out the period  
at the end thereof and inserting a semicolon and the following: "(5)  
widowed mothers (if they have not remarried and were widows at  
the time of the death or disability of their ex-serviceman son or  
ex-servicewoman daughter)—

Veterans' Preference  
Act of 1944, amend-  
ments.

58 Stat. 387.

5 U. S. C. § 851.

*Post*, p. 1233.

Widowed mothers  
of deceased or dis-  
abled ex-servicemen.

“(A) of deceased ex-servicemen or ex-servicewomen who lost  
their lives while on active duty in any branch of the armed forces  
of the United States during any war, or in any campaign or  
expedition (for which a campaign badge has been authorized), or

“(B) of service-connected permanently and totally disabled  
ex-servicemen or ex-servicewomen,

if said ex-serviceman or ex-servicewoman was separated from such  
armed forces under honorable conditions; and (6) a mother of a  
deceased ex-serviceman or ex-servicewoman who lost his or her life  
while on active duty in any branch of the armed forces of the United  
States during any war, or in any campaign or expedition (for which  
a campaign badge has been authorized), or of a service-connected  
permanently and totally disabled ex-serviceman or ex-servicewoman,  
if (A) said ex-serviceman or ex-servicewoman was separated from  
such armed forces under honorable conditions, (B) the mother was  
divorced or legally separated from the father of said ex-serviceman  
son or ex-servicewoman daughter, and (C) said ex-serviceman son or  
ex-servicewoman daughter is the only child of said mother”.

Mother of deceased  
or disabled ex-service-  
man.

SEC. 2. Section 3 of the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944 is amended  
by striking out “and (3),” after the second comma in the first sentence,  
and inserting the following: “(3), (5) and (6),”.

58 Stat. 388.  
5 U. S. C. § 852;  
Supp. I, § 852 note.

SEC. 3. Section 10 of the Veterans' Preference Act of 1944 is amended  
by striking out “and (3)” and inserting “(3), (5) and (6)”.

58 Stat. 390.  
5 U. S. C. § 850.

Approved January 19, 1948.